

Your Chance to Meet and Elect Officers and Va'ad

Officers and Va'ad for the 1995-96 term will be elected at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 14.

The Elections Committee has conducted an extensive search for nominees, which included discussions with other leaders and a review of people who have served on committees, special events groups and task forces. The following slate of nominees, who have formally accepted the invitation to serve, was submitted by the Elections Committee for approval by the membership:

David Stein fills the position of President, the Administrative Vice-President appointee is Diana Buchbinder and Judith Cohen is Program Vice-President. Mike Zimmerman offers to continue to serve as Treasurer and Dona Rabinowitz was nominated to be Recorder.

Michael Chertok and Jonathan Comisar will serve out the remaining two years of the Va'ad terms vacated by Diana Buchbinder and Judith Cohen. David Gellman, Lyssa Friedman and Lisa Katz will assume the full 3-year positions that are open.

Members will have an opportunity to meet and speak with the above candidates after services on Friday, May 5. Members will also be receiving a mailing with information about the candidates as well as absentee ballots for those unable to attend the annual meeting of the congregation.

This year's Elections Committee was chaired by Irene Ogus and included Claudia Bernard, Jeff Forman, Allan Gold and Michele Sullivan. The Elections Committee is a sub-committee of the Leadership Development Committee and was appointed by the President and approved by the Va'ad.

Purim Thanks

Thanks to Sarah Goodman, party coordinator, and all the Purim party volunteers. See inside for photos.

CSZ Family Picnic and End-of-Year Celebration for Kadimah

Everyone is welcome at the CSZ Family Picnic on Sunday, May 21, from noon to 3 pm. We'll be rounding out the 18/10: *Overture to the Future* weekend of festivities celebrating CSZ's 18th anniversary and Yoel Kahn's 10th year as our Rabbi.

The last session of Kadimah for the year will be held at the synagogue that Sunday morning, 9:30-11:30 am (instead of on Saturday). Kadimah students and families should plan to reconvene at the picnic for closing ceremonies and an afternoon of fun.

The picnic will be held at Douglass Park (26th St. and Douglass). Please plan to bring a picnic lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Child Care Reservations for 18/10 Service

Our children will be a part of our service on May 19 at Temple Emanu-El. If you would like to take them to childcare after their part (since the service and oneg is expected to go until at least 9 pm), you *must* pre-register and pre-pay by May 10. Call the office for more information and make sure to pay before the deadline. Scholarships will be available, but the registration and the request for scholarship must be made before the deadline.

We will not be able to accommodate children who are not preregistered by May 10.

Childcare fees:

Members	\$10
Non-Members	\$12

Celebrate the 18th Birthday of CSZ and Rabbi Kahn's 10th Anniversary

Final preparations are being made for the May 19-21 celebration of our י"ח (chai) birthday and the marking of Rabbi Yoel Kahn's first decade as our rabbi.

The celebration begins on Friday night with a special commemorative service at Congregation Emanu-El at 7:30 pm, honoring Marc S. Klein and the *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*, Rabbi Nancy Flam and Ruach Ami: Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, and Jerry Rosenstein. Congregation Emanu-El is at Lake St. and Arguello Blvd.

Festivities continue Saturday night at the Delancy Street Foundation's Town Hall, at 600 The Embarcadero at Brannan St. at 8 pm. Make sure your party clothes include dancing shoes. Entertainment will include a DJ playing a variety of dance music, and an appearance by CSZ's own Klezmer Band. There will be lavish hors d'oeuvres, followed by a dessert buffet generously donated by Sweet Inspirations on Market St. A "no host" bar will be available.

The cost of the Saturday 18/10 gala is \$28. Replies need to be in by May 6. If you haven't sent yours in by now, then what are you waiting for?

Sunday, May 21, we'll round out the weekend with a family picnic celebrating CSZ's religious school, Kadimah, and all of the children of CSZ. Everyone, with or without children, is invited. It's at Douglass Park (26th St. and Douglass St.) from noon to 3 pm. Pack your picnic lunch and join the fun!

There's lots going on, and it's sure to be a weekend that we'll remember and talk about for a long time. So, attend services Friday, come to the party Saturday night, and come out and play on Sunday!

Welcome Mona; Thank You, Ron

I am delighted to announce that Mona Alfi, an entering-third-year rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, will be our first Wexner Rabbinic Intern this summer. Through the generosity of the Wexner Foundation, every rabbinic student at HUC-JIR, the rabbinic seminary for the Reform movement, will be able to spend a summer in residence under the supervision of



Rabbi Yoel Kahn

a Reform rabbi in the field. We are honored to have been among the congregations selected as a residency site.

Our first intern, Mona Alfi, graduated from SFSU in 1991, where she was President of Hillel. She also served on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council. She has worked for national Jewish organizations doing policy research and has worked extensively with Reform congregations as a teacher and youth group worker. For the last year, she has been the student rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Yuba City, California.

At CSZ, our rabbinic intern will be learning and participating in all aspects of congregational life between mid-June and early August. She will

be co-leading services, giving sermons, attending meetings, helping to plan High Holidays and tutoring bar and bat mitzvah students, among other duties. She will be accompanying me to life-cycle occasions and to other programs. I am confident that Mona's presence will be a valuable addition to our congregational life and delighted that the CSZ model will now be a training site for future rabbis.

While our intern's expenses and stipend are being underwritten by the Wexner Foundation, we would like to help Mona find a place to stay. If you have a lead on a house-sit or a short-term affordable rental, please call the synagogue office.

Please join me in extending the hospitality of the community to Mona as we initiate this important new program.

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Our hard-working and devoted Ron Lezell is stepping down as Northern California President of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America.

Ron has been an articulate and effective spokesperson on behalf of liberal Zionism in our congregation and throughout our region over the last several years.

We will publicly thank Ron at an Oneg Shabbat in his honor on Friday, June 30. Among his many volunteer commitments, Ron has been very busy pulling together the itinerary and details for our 1996 congregational trip to Israel. The dates are April 22 through May 5, 1996.

We are very excited about the schedule, which includes a two-day trip to Jordan and celebrating Israel Independence Day in Tel Aviv.

Whether you have been to Israel lots of times or never before, we promise that this will be the trip of a lifetime! Please pick up a copy of the trip brochure at the synagogue or call the office to have one mailed to you.

— Rabbi Yoel Kahn



Mona Alfi, rabbinic intern.

Gesher Training

Gesher: Bridge to Understanding is the Lesbian/Gay/Bi Jewish Speakers Bureau that is a joint project of Community United Against Violence and CSZ. Gesher provides hour-long presentations about our lives as L/G/B Jews. Gesher breaks down stereotypes and dispels myths while building bridges of communication among all Jewish people. We will make presentations at Jewish schools, summer camps, temples, conferences and anywhere else we get invited.

Please join Sylvia Weisenberg from CUAV and Rabbi Kahn for a three-hour training at the synagogue. This is fun and exciting. Volunteering with Gesher will make you feel great. Don't miss this opportunity to help change the world on Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Please call Sylvia (777-5500) to reserve a spot.

Spiritual Support for People with HIV/AIDS at CSZ

Our bimonthly Shabbat afternoon gathering with Rabbi Kahn for CSZ members living with HIV is on Saturday, May 13, from 3-5 pm. If you are living with HIV, or are the partner of a person with HIV, please join us for a quiet afternoon of schmoozing, company, noshing, discussion and prayer. We will meet in the library of the synagogue. You do not have to have come previously; new participants are welcome at any time.

This program is part of our ongoing support for people living with HIV. Lovers or partners are welcome as guests. If you need transportation assistance, please let us know.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Rabbi Kahn at the synagogue office. Please RSVP to the office by May 10.

Save the Date

~ Sukkot ~

Supper, Festival services
and study session
Saturday evening,
June 3 at 6 pm

April Va'ad Report

—Cheryl M. Bryan, Recorder

In keeping with the spirit of Passover, Rabbi Kahn began the meeting with a D'var Torah which briefly discussed the meaning of the four children. Each child represents a different stage of development: the wise, the misguided, the simple, and the one who doesn't know what question to ask. All need to be understood and to be answered appropriately.

The Va'ad approved a proposal to establish a Klezmer Band Suspense Fund through which the financial life of the Klezmer Band will be managed.

This year, during the High Holidays, tickets will be required for Yizkor and Neilah. This is to assure that all who wish to participate will have a seat in the sanctuary.

A large number of Saturday morning prayerbooks have disappeared from the

synagogue. The Va'ad approved the money needed to have more copies made, and also to have copies of the Friday night prayerbook made to avoid running out at Shabbat services on Friday night.

The Va'ad approved money to support the Jewish Healing Center. The Center meets many of the spiritual needs of our members who are ill or are caregivers. A request to co-sponsor the Jewish Women's Conference was also approved.

There was a review of the 1995-96 budget. The proposed budget was approved and will be presented at the upcoming congregational meeting. The proposed 1995 amendment to the congregational Bylaws, which indicates that members of CSZ shall be terminated for non-payment of dues and/or the

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Young at Hearts to Benefit the Jewish Film Festival

On Tuesday, May 9, at 8:00 pm, the Castro Theatre will present the world theatrical premiere of Don Campbell's new film *Young at Hearts*.

This spirited look at a group of eight Jewish women in their 70s and 80s will be presented as a benefit for the Jewish Film Festival. Director Don Campbell, 80-year-old star Gert Shapiro, and other surprise guests will attend this gala event, hosted by femcee Suzy Berger.

Film tickets are \$10, seniors \$5. Tickets to attend both a hosted reception at Ristorante Ecco (101 South Park in San Francisco from 5-7 pm) and the film screening are \$50.

For ticket information, please contact Lawrence Helman at 863-0611.

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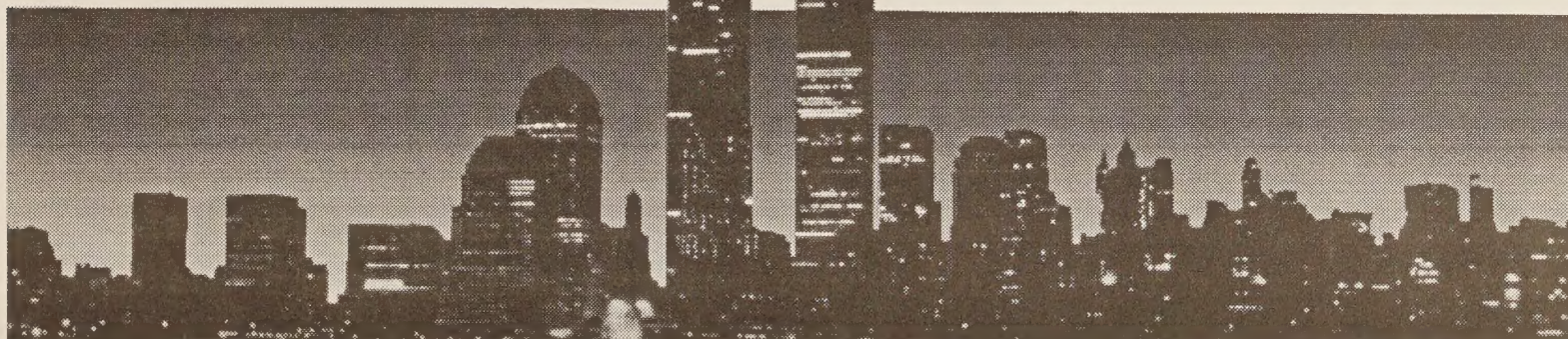
Where: Sheraton New York Hotel, Seventh Avenue at 53rd Street, Manhattan

Who: Hundreds of other lesbian and gay Jews from around the world, and *you*

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To find out more about the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, contact Lane Schickler (255-9679).



Assessing Our Future

At our annual congregational meeting on May 14, we will be voting on three items related to the building assessment. As members should know, the building assessment is an annual fee paid by our employed members to help pay for major maintenance and repairs of our building. It was established almost ten years ago and set at \$30. The amount has not been increased since it was established.



Tiela Chalmers

Unlike congregational dues, payment of the building assessment is on the honor system. If a member does not pay his or her dues pledge (or make other arrangements with the Treasurer, if financial circumstances have made payment difficult), and that member does not respond to numerous calls and letters from the Dues Committee, the member cannot obtain High Holiday tickets, vote at congregational meetings, or celebrate a life cycle ceremony with the help of our volunteers and staff, and ultimately will be dropped from membership. However, no such enforcement technique exists for the building assessment. We send you an annual statement, but if you do not pay it, we have no further recourse except another letter.

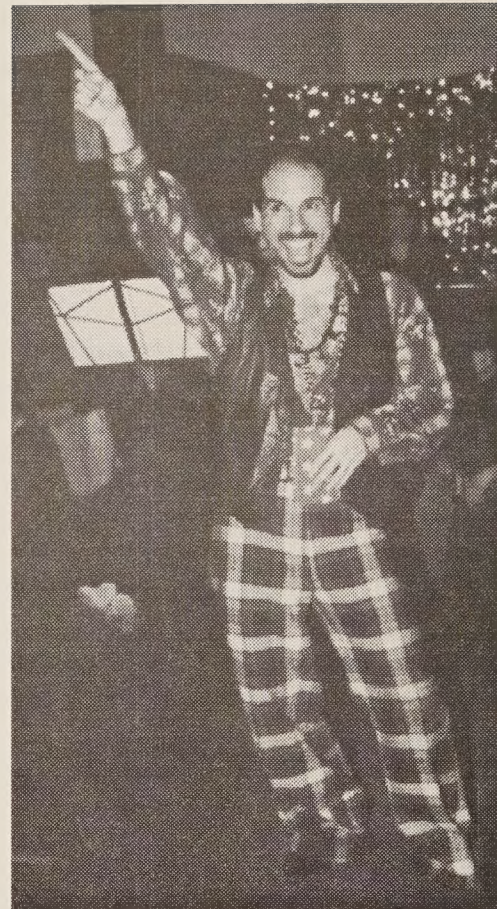
It was our hope that our members would understand that this relatively low assessment is necessary for the continued health of the synagogue, and that the honor system would work (particularly because it is only payable by members who are employed). Unfortunately, this has not been the case. Just over half of our members pay the assessment. This is frustrating to those of us who pay; it also has serious consequences for the financial health of our synagogue.

The assessment goes into the Building Fund, where it is used to pay the costs of major repairs, like recent roof and drainpipe repair, and exterior painting to prevent further dry rot. As you might imagine, those items can be very expensive. Even if all of our working members paid the assessment, we would still take in only about \$14,000; far less

than a major building repair could cost. And our building, as lovely as it is, is old, and has some problems. We probably will need to do some earthquake work in the near future that could run us \$35,000. Parts of the building exterior badly need paint, and even a very minimal attempt to make the building accessible to the disabled will cost about \$8,000.

But why would we do these things, you ask, if we are planning on buying a new building? Well, we haven't decided to buy a new building, and even if we had, there are not so many synagogue-like buildings out there to be bought. We also do not have the cash right now to buy a new building. In fact, at most synagogues the Building Fund has a much larger assessment, and serves as a savings account for a new building or a major renovation. In any case, while we continue to work on it, a new building is a few years away, and our building needs work now. In addition, if we were to find a new building and decide to launch a capital campaign to buy it, the

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Best 70's costume winner. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

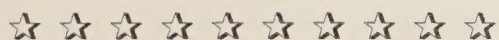
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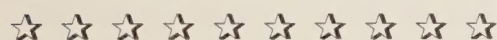

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Anniversaries

May

- 12 Cynthia Greenberg & Becky Tarin
- 15 Lisa Feldstein & Max Drukman
- 16 Ann Bauman & Kelly Thiemann
- 17 Lynn Bravewomon & Annie Kennedy
- 22 Phyllis & George Mintzer
- 24 Cheryl Mann & Bree Myer
- 29 Mark Freeman & Ken White
- 31 Ilana Bernstein & Diane Desmond



New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that the following people became members of our congregation this month. A warm welcome to the newcomers:

Steven Levine

Claudio Resnick

Irina Rivkin

Daniel Rodas

We are pleased to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Yerba Buena Gardens is Location for Israel Independence Day

Say happy 47th birthday to Israel while you enjoy a haimische afternoon outing at San Francisco's newest park. Israel Independence Day '95 Picnic and Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, noon to 4 pm, at the magnificent Yerba Buena Gardens. Bring a blanket and picnic basket, family and friends for an afternoon of live music and exciting entertainment, Israeli dancing and meeting and greeting.

There will be special activities for kids, information about local Jewish life, Judaica and crafts for sale, along with desserts and beverages.

Yerba Buena Gardens is located between Third and Fourth Streets and Mission and Howard Streets, across from the Moscone Center and the new Museum of Modern Art. Parking is available in the Fifth Street and Mission garage, and the Gardens are walkable from BART, Muni or the ferries.

The picnic and celebration is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Community Federation and the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Protocol. For information, call 957-1551.



Klezmer Band. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



The "Shtetl" People. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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President's Column

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Building Fund either could be converted to seed money for the capital campaign, or could pay for renovations to the new building.

So at the congregational meeting, you will be asked to approve an amendment to our Bylaws, making payment of the building assessment enforceable in the same way that dues are. That is, if a member does not pay the building assessment or make other arrangements, the member cannot obtain High Holiday tickets, vote at congregational meetings, or celebrate a life cycle ceremony with the help of our volunteers and staff, and ultimately will be dropped from membership. We hope that this will secure full compliance with the assessment.

We will also ask you to approve an increase of the building assessment, to \$40 per year. There has been no increase in the amount in almost ten years, and costs have clearly increased.

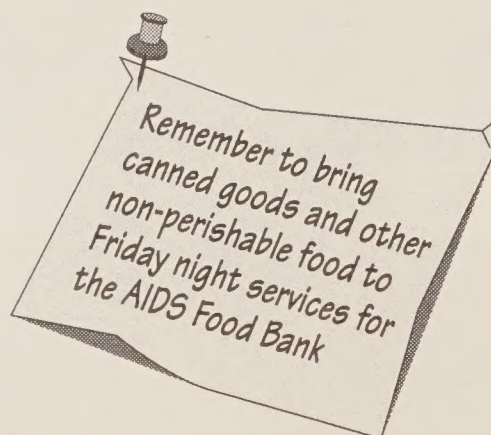
Finally, the budget that we will be presenting at the meeting contains an important provision. As you know from previous articles, we are having increasing difficulty in paying basic operating expenses. Our expenses increase each year with inflation and increased costs, and dues pledges do not go up by the same amount. The cost per member to run the synagogue is \$600; the average dues per member is approximately half of that. In the next few months we will be addressing some long-term solutions to that problem. In the short term, we propose that we take the increased revenue to the Building Fund and apply half of it to paying basic building operating expenses. Those expenses are normally paid for out of the General



*Sarah Goodman, Purim party organizer.
Photo by Michael Bettinger.*

Fund, but we just cannot arrive at a balanced budget without this solution. I do not see any alternative, but I call your attention to it, since it highlights the need for further action in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you, and answering any questions you might have, at the congregational meeting.



Va'ad

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building assessment, was approved. This amendment will not apply to building assessments which were due before January, 1995.

The Va'ad approved the appointment of Paul Cohen, David Stein, Allan Gold, Diana Buchbinder, Merry Luskin, Gary Sokol and Tiela Chalmers to the Personnel Committee. Dianne Hawk will replace David Gellman on the Dues Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm with the singing of Hava Nashira, for a welcome change of pace.

Naches

To Amy Weston on her admission to the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco for analytic training.

To Mark Bowers on becoming Bar Mitzvah.

To Rebecca Anne Doctors-Cohen on becoming Bat Mitzvah.

To Jay Davidson on being re-elected as president of the board of the Golden Gate Choral Foundation, which oversees fundraising and the endowment of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

To Yehuda Hyman whose play *The Mad Dancers* is opening at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles on May 8 (no performances on Shabbat).

To Carolyn Pines and Judy Schwartz on the naming and entrance into the covenant of Hannah Vera Pines-Schwartz and on their fifth anniversary.

To Robin Leonard on the publication of her newest book, *Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Repay Your Debts*.

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Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

AIDS Fund

Mike Rankin, in honor of Rabbi Janet Marder's election to the presidency of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis.
Rob Tat, in memory of Neil Hart's recent losses.

Donations to the AIDS Fund in honor of Mark Bowers' becoming Bar Mitzvah

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Children's Education

Ron Lezell, in honor of Phyllis Mintzer's 70th birthday.
Alita Rosenfeld & Kate Sharp
Batya Kalis, in honor of Hannah Vera Pines-Schwartz.
Julie Moed and Shelley Eisenman, in honor of Rebecca Doctors-Cohen's becoming Bat Mitzvah.

General Fund

Neil Hart, in memory of Joseph Brandstein and Bebe Leben.
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Jennifer Dahlstrom & Pat Tong
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Harry & Shirley Schickler, in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.
Misha Cohen, in memory of Robert Rosthal.
Lillian Schaechner, in memory of Frank Klein.
Dana Vinicoff, in memory of Alan Vinicoff.
Marilyn Kalman

Rob Tat, in memory of Joseph Brandstein.
Steven G. Horowitz, in memory of Michael Lipson.
Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in memory of Joseph Brandstein, Newton Inlander and Abe Schlossberg.
Allan Berenstein, in memory of Art Fast.
Jonathan Funk & John Arnold, in honor of Michael Latz's acceptance to Hebrew Union College.
Julian Levant
Carolyn Pines & Judy Schwartz, in appreciation of Batya Kalis, Tiela Chalmers & Nathan Robinson.
Ellen Fingerman
Mike Zimmerman, in honor of Rebecca Doctors-Cohen's becoming Bat Mitzvah.
Rose Katz & Sadie Katz, in memory of Marvin J. Katz.
Stephanie Hannaford, in memory of Dora Yoffie.

House in Order Fund

David Weinstein, in honor of the birthdays of Dev Felder Noily and Sarah Comerchero.
David Weinstein, in honor of the anniversary of Carolyn Pines & Judy Schwartz.

Library Fund

Ed Tanovitz

Torah Fund

Mike Rankin, in honor of the birth of Chase Giannini.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Allen Brandstein, in memory of Joseph Brandstein.
Henry Carry, in memory of Neil Stansky.
Batya Kalis
Rob Tat, in memory of Bebe Leben.
Mark Bowers
Randy Weiss, in honor of Michael Latz's acceptance to Hebrew Union College.
Steve Elman, in appreciation of Rabbi Kahn.
Jim Frazin, in memory of Morris Shapiro.
Carolyn Pines & Judy Schwartz, in honor of Hannah Vera Pines-Schwartz's entrance into the covenant.
Steve Wiesner, in honor of Sandra Kovtum.
Michael Kay, in memory of George Kay.

Special thanks to **Greer Hauptman**, for the donation of a collection of young adult books to the CSZ Library in loving memory of Kara Schwartz.

Onegs

These generous people sponsored onegs during the months of March and April:

- 31 **Susan Tubbesing & Sarah Nathe**, in honor of the 92nd birthday of Susan's mother, Ann Kohout.
- 7 **Rachel Bernstein & Susan Mizner**, in memory of Jim Fingerhut.
- 28 **CSZ Ritual Committee**, in honor of Josh Lee who is leaving the area to begin his medical internship in Boston.

Classifieds

FABULOUS CASTRO SUBLET: sunny spacious 2 bedroom for June (Gay Pride Month!) and July. Reduced rent for kitty care. \$850/month. Call Miki & Lisa at 552-0761.

BREAST CANCER GROUP: Imagery, Spirituality, Connection. Meets twice a month, fee negotiable. Syd Strong, Ph.D. 510/528-1235.

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East Bay Services

Please note that we will not be holding East Bay Services during May or June.

We would like to encourage everyone to attend our special 18/10 anniversary service at Temple Emanu-El on May 19 and to come to CSZ for Shabbat Freedom on June 16.

East Bay services will resume on July 21 at the home of Phil Charney. Please call (510/527-9777) for directions.

Members' Yahrzeits

5/9	Jack Jacobs
5/13	David Delroy
5/14	Thomas Yazman
5/17	Nanci Stern
5/19	Alan Altman
5/21	Jim Perkins



Best family costume winners, Carolyn Pines, Judy Schwartz and Hannah. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



Saturday Purim Fever Players. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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May Birthdays

1	Bruce Barishman
1	Michael Pierce
2	Rena Frantz
3	Marion Trentman
4	Jeffrey Rubin
4	Eileen Dunn
4	Linda Gerard
5	Colette Patt
5	Anne Ludden-Moses
5	David Blumberg
6	Aaron Buchbinder
6	Joan Becker
6	Henry Carrey
7	Leah Fraimow-Wong
7	Tova Rendlich
7	Dianne Hawk
8	Paul Nemrow
8	Stephanie Hannaford
8	Shelley Samuels
9	Ruth Newstat Dreisbach
9	Sherry Sporn
10	Lawney Baldwin
10	Gabriele Kassner
12	Kailin Chalmers Koch
13	Doug Okun
14	Claire Rappoport
14	Mary McMillan
15	Richard Rath
15	Melissa Grossman
15	Arnie Jackson
16	Ed Tanovitz
17	Elaya Adelberg
17	Antoinette Reed
17	David Schnur
18	Yona Barth-Rogers
18	David Stein
18	Jane Boskoff Graeven
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26	Harper Reed-Ehrlich
26	Sylvia Weisenberg
26	Robert Katz
27	Nancy Epstein
28	Sherie Koshover
29	Trudi Hauptman
30	Shelley Eisenman
30	Eloise Magenheim

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Ma'ayan Campaign Vision Statement

These are the programs that will be made possible by your contributions to this year's Ma'ayan Campaign:

Jewish Education for Adults and Families

Your contribution develops and presents educational retreats for adults and families including shabbaton, all-day sessions, and short-term series, both at CSZ and in members' homes.

Jewish-Based Support for People Living With Illness

Your contribution helps pay for ongoing and one-time support groups and classes — all with a Jewish focus —

for people living with illness.

B'nai Mitzvah Activities for All Ages

Your contribution makes possible an ongoing b'nai mitzvah training program for both adults and young people. At present, this important work depends on overworked volunteers.

Social Programs With a Jewish Flavor

Your contribution encourages new and different social activities: classes for Jewish cooking and folk dancing, theater and dance parties, chavurot and who knows what else? Our new social programs will be sensitive to the needs of our various demographic groups from the 20-

somethings to the well-seasoned, and includes singles, couples and parents.

Publishing Our Unique Liturgy and Rituals

Your contribution makes it possible to update and create prayerbooks and ritual guidebooks that reflect our widely-praised efforts to expand and encourage the use of inclusive liturgy.

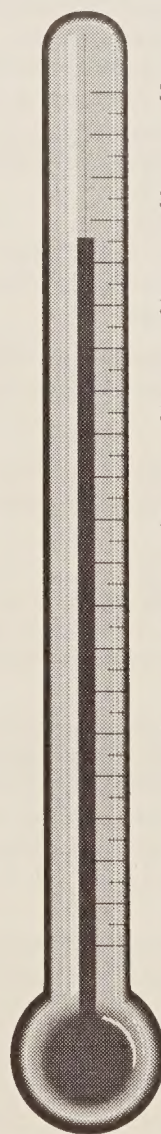
Documenting Our History

Your contribution initiates oral history and archives projects to collect and make accessible the memories and physical memorabilia of our unique experience.

As of April 7

Pledges and Gifts to the Ma'ayan Campaign

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav are ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have the rabbi or a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

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Call volunteer coordinator, Robin Leonard, 386-7876**

1 Monday 1 Iyyar • 6 pm, Healing Service • 6:30 pm, Dues Committee	9 Tuesday 9 Iyyar • 7 pm, Membership Committee	16 Tuesday 16 Iyyar	24 Wednesday 24 Iyyar
2 Tuesday 2 Iyyar	10 Wednesday 10 Iyyar • 7 pm, Newsletter Editing • Deadline to reserve childcare for 18/10 service	17 Wednesday 17 Iyyar	25 Thursday 25 Iyyar • 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee • 7 pm, Newsletter Distribution
3 Wednesday 3 Iyyar	11 Thursday 11 Iyyar • 7:30 pm, Children's Education	18 Thursday 18 Iyyar L'ag B'Omer • 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim	26 Friday 26 Iyyar • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Michael Latz, Steve Weitz & Lyssa Friedman
4 Thursday 4 Iyyar Yom Ha-Atzma'ut	12 Friday 12 Iyyar • Bikkur Cholim visits Jewish Home for the Aged • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service	19 Friday 19 Iyyar 18/10 Weekend • Shabbat Service at Temple Emanu-El	27 Saturday 27 Iyyar
5 Friday 5 Iyyar • 6:15 pm, Shabbat dinner, Katan Gimel (Kadimah) at CSZ • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service • Meet Va'ad candidates after service	13 Saturday 13 Iyyar • 9:30 am, Kadimah • 10:30 am, Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah of Cody Fine • 3 pm, HIV Support Group	20 Saturday 20 Iyyar 18/10 Weekend • 8 pm, 18/10 Party (Delancy Street's Town Hall)	28 Sunday 28 Iyyar • 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch • 7 pm, Mah Jongg group in the library
6 Saturday 6 Iyyar • 9:30 am, Kadimah	14 Sunday 14 Iyyar • 3 pm, Congregational Meeting • 7 pm, Mah Jongg group in library	21 Sunday 21 Iyyar 18/10 Weekend • 9:30 am, Kadimah (including K-2) • 12 noon, Congregational Picnic (Douglass Park) • 4:30 pm, Klezmer Band Rehearsal	29 Monday 29 Iyyar
7 Sunday 7 Iyyar • 4 pm, Israel Independence Day (Yerba Buena Gardens) • 4:30 pm, Klezmer Band Rehearsal	15 Monday 15 Iyyar • 6 pm, Healing Service • 7 pm, Newsletter Proofreading and Layout	22 Monday 22 Iyyar	30 Tuesday 1 Sivan • 6:30 pm, CUAV Speaker's Bureau Training
8 Monday 8 Iyyar • 6:30 pm, Va'ad Meeting		23 Tuesday 23 Iyyar	31 Wednesday 2 Sivan

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